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MEDIA ADVISORY

Exhibit of Inmate Art to Benefit Victims of Crime

Towson, MD (June 15, 2005) – More than 60 pieces of art from the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) Inmate Art initiative makes its debut on Thursday, June 16 at the Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center in Baltimore. A short program, auction and reception also will be part of the event. Artwork will be on display at the Center until June 30.

The project began after DPSCS received a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. It includes a series of three inmate art exhibits to be displayed at locations in Baltimore, western Maryland and on the eastern shore. Inmates produced more than 100 pieces of fine art and 66 pieces were selected to go on the traveling exhibit.

A panel of judges from the arts community reviewed the pieces. The top three works will be auctioned to the highest bidder during the kickoff event. The remaining pieces will be for sale at the various locations throughout the tour. Auction and sale proceeds will benefit the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center.

WHAT: First Annual Maryland Inmate Art Exhibit

WHO: DPSCS Secretary Mary Ann Saar

Roberta Roper, Founder, Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center

Camay Murphy, Director, The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center

WHEN: Thursday, June 16, 6pm – 8pm

WHERE: Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center
847 Howard Street, Baltimore, Maryland

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For gallery locations, operating hours and dates as well as to view electronic samples of the prizewinning artwork, log on to www.dpscs.state.md.us and click on “Inmate Art”

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